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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION MEETING

December 6, 2006--9:30 A.M.

**State Secondary Complex, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing
General Office Building, Conference Room B**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Andrew J. Comai
Mr. James B. Cianciolo
Chief Ricardo Longoria
Mr. Gary Novak
Mr. David Glynn
Ms. Margie Faville
Mr. Satyam Talati
Mr. Ronald Torbert

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. John Miller

DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL PRESENT:

Mr. John Peck	Acting Deputy Director, MIOsha
Mr. Ron Ray	Acting Director, Management & Technical Services Div.
Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle	Program Manager, Standards Section
Mr. Robert Pawlowski	Director, Construction Safety & Health Division
Mr. Adrian Rocskay	Safety & Health Manager, GI Safety & Health Div.
Ms. Cindy D. Eicher	Secretary, Standards Section

VISITORS ATTENDING:

Ms. Margie Vissman, Former Occupational Health Standards Commissioner
Mr. Tycho Fredericks, Ergonomic Advisory Committee Liaison

Agenda Item #1—Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions

The December 6, 2006 Occupational Health Standards Commission meeting was called to order by Acting Chairperson Faville. A roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

Agenda Item #2—Approval of Minutes for September 13, 2006 Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Glynn and was seconded by Commissioner Longoria to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2006 Commission meeting.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #3—Standards Section Update—Marsha Parrott-Boyle, Program Manager

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle announced two new commissioners were attending their first meeting, Commissioner Andrew Comai and Commissioner James Cianciolo. All commissioners, staff and guests introduced themselves and gave a brief description of their work history and how it relates to the commission.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle stated that since both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson had been replaced Commissioner Faville was asked to chair the meeting. The Commission will need to elect officers for calendar year 2007 at their next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle stated that one of the new commissioners, Mr. Andrew Comai is also an Ergonomic Advisory Committee member. There was no apparent conflict of interest and none of the other commissioners had any objections to him continuing to serve on the advisory committee.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle reviewed with the commissioners the strategic plan goals for MIOSHA for fiscal years 2004 through 2008 specifically item 3.3b dealing with reducing the backlog of standards by seventy percent. Ms. Parrott-Boyle also reviewed in detail the list of the standards currently being revised, their priority and their progress. She informed the commission that the Ergonomics Advisory Committee will be working on the appendices and developing recommendations for other education resources. The commission will be receiving an update from committees' liaison later in the meeting. The Latex Advisory Committee has begun meeting and will hold their second meeting next week.

The commissioners received a copy of CS Part 22, Signals, Signs, Tags and Barricades which was filed with the Office of the Great Seal last week.

Agenda Item #4—Old Business**a. Ergonomics Advisory Committee Update – Tycho Fredericks**

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle and Mr. Tycho Fredericks reviewed with the commissioners the MIOSHA Ergonomic Standard Timeline and the Ergonomics Standard Advisory Committee Guidelines which were developed by a Joint Steering Committee of General Industry Safety Standards Commissioners and Occupational Health Standards Commissioners. The commissioners also received a copy of the current Ergonomics draft. Mr. Fredericks reviewed the draft in detail. Mr. Fredericks also informed the commissioners the discussions and reasoning behind the information contained in the draft. The commission sent their positive comments back to the advisory committee through Tycho Fredericks.

b. Commission Liaison to Latex Advisory Committee

Ms. Marsha Parrott Boyle advised the commissioners that Margie Vissman has volunteered to serve as a liaison to the Commission for the Latex Advisory Committee and described her background in working with this issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Torbert and seconded by Commissioner Talati to appoint Ms. Margie Vissman as Commission Liaison for the Latex Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Agenda Item #5—New Business**a. CET Grants for 2006-07 – Ron Ray**

Mr. Ron Ray announced that this year MIOSHA awarded 20 CET grants for a total of \$1.15 million. There were 36 applications for grants received requesting \$2.4 million. The total amount awarded is down a little from the \$1.25 million awarded last year. Mr. Ray provided a listing of the CET grants which gave a brief description of how the grant would be used.

Agenda Item #6—Construction Safety & Health Division Update—Marsha Parrott-Boyle

Ms. Marsha Parrott-Boyle advised she would be giving the division report as Mr. Robert Pawlowski was unable to attend due to a division staff meeting. Ms. Parrott-Boyle stated there have been twenty fatalities in the construction field investigated by the Construction Safety and Health Division so far in 2006.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle informed the commissioners that the Construction Safety & Health Division (CSHD) has conducted 3,090 inspections and issued 6,401 violations during this fiscal year.

The CSHD has posted on the MIOSHA website 16 "Construction Fact Sheets". The latest ones posted are Exposure to Hexavalent Chromium and Bracing Tall Masonry Walls. Masonry Wall Bracing is scheduled to be the next Advisory Committee to be started.

Ms. Parrott-Boyle informed the commissioners that the two new safety officers are now out working in the field conducting their own inspections. Ms. Parrott-Boyle advised the commission of the passing of Jim Pike, who had been a construction safety inspector for 12 years before moving to the Consultation, Education and Training Division.

Agenda Item #8—MIOSHA Update – John Peck, Acting Deputy Director, MIOSHA

Mr. John Peck advised that MIOSHA had officially moved back to the General Office Building on November 8, 2006. Mr. Peck advised to show any commissioners around the building after the business meeting was concluded.

Mr. Peck distributed to the commissioners the Grassroots publication, The Census of Fatal Occupation Injuries for Michigan for 2005 and Primary Outcome Measure Summary Chart for FY2006. Mr. Peck reviewed the publications with the commissioners.

Agenda Item #7—General Industry Safety & Health Division Update—Adrian Rocskay

Mr. Adrian Rocskay was unable to give his report due to being called out of the meeting; however he had provided an information sheet which was reviewed at this time.

The General Industry Safety and Health Division (GISHD) has investigated 25 fatalities in 2006, this number may now be at 26.

GISHD has assigned 339 re-inspections. This involved going back to businesses that received violations and checking to see if they have improved in employee safety since receiving their citations.

The GISHD Safety Officers and Industrial Hygienists continue to conduct joint inspections. Over 191 have been conducted since October 1, 2005.

Letters have been sent to all employees that are known to do tree trimming. Inspection assignments have been sent out to safety officers.

Agenda Item #9—Next Meeting – Proposed 2007 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Marsha Parrott Boyle advised that the commission is required to meet at least four times a year. Dates and locations were discussed. She also advised that at the next meeting the commission will need to elect officers for 2007.

The next meeting will be held on March 14, 2007 at the General Office Building, 7150 Harris Drive, Lansing in Conference Room B at 9:30.

Agenda Item #11—Public Comment

None

Agenda Item #12—Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Glynn and was seconded by Commissioner Novak that with no further business before the Commission, the meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Ms. Margie Faville, Acting Chairperson

Date